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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1956

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31st March, 1956 -

Males - 347,164

Females - 326,512

Persons - 673,676

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1955 -

Persons - 365,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	<u>MAY</u>		Five Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	402	410	2,343	2,362
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.04	7.36	8.38	8.74
Births - Number	1,704	1,496	7,251	6,847
* Rate per 1000 of Population	29.82	26.86	25.94	25.34
Deaths - Number	501	423	2,205	2,038
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.77	7.60	7.89	7.54
Infant - Number	32	36	165	161
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	18.78	24.06	22.76	23.51

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Tuberculosis	2	1	10	12
Malignant neoplasms	78	65	336	288
Diabetes mellitus	3	6	26	23
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	3	8
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	70	42	296	232
Diseases of the heart	160	124	619	594
Hypertension with heart disease	10	10	49	69
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	5	26	28
Arteriosclerosis	16	9	56	45
Influenza	1	1	2	3
Pneumonia	15	15	74	66
Bronchitis	6	9	16	17
Other respiratory disease	8	9	20	22
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	3	11	12
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	1	8	10
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	2	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	-	14	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	6	35	23
Disease of the prostate	5	7	27	22
Maternal causes	-	2	4	6
Disease of early infancy	18	20	95	90
Motor vehicle accidents	17	14	83	95
Other accidents	15	17	113	107
Suicide	2	5	41	33
All other causes	57	49	234	223
Total:		501	423	2,038

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, 1956, totalled 414,389 acres, an increase of 66,484 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,887,723 acres, an increase of 745,795.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,874,039	5,731,902	49,612,406	45,719,846
Revenue per Head of Population	8. 13. 11	8. 14. 4	74. 3. 2	70. 9. 1
Expenditure	4,519,359	5,366,519	51,443,237	46,203,889
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 13. 10	8. 3. 2	76. 17. 11	71. 4. 0

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of June, 1956, amounted to £57,298,940 or £84.15.3 per head of population as against £53,628,939 or £81.8.9 per head at the end of June, 1955. Figures exclude operations of the Rural and Industries Bank of W.A.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for four weeks ended 27th June, 1956, amounted to £13,293,167 compared with £12,935,529 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No. 1,485	£. 1,685	18,704	22,220
	£. 2,037,627	£. 2,766,051	27,644,069	34,441,159
Mortgages	No. 986	£. 1,251	12,627	16,550
	£. 1,661,467	£. 2,326,987	24,646,197	31,461,588
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 805	£. 889	9,569	11,146

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
June, 1956	£. 3,119,089	£. 2,369,509	£. 10,762,893	£. 451,961
June, 1955	£. 3,413,951	£. 2,515,653	£. 9,361,645	£. 395,359
Twelve months ended June, 1956	£. 45,500,941	£. 28,143,972	£. 115,518,716	£. 5,651,980
Twelve months ended June, 1955	£. 45,588,747	£. 25,345,986	£. 110,494,198	£. 5,637,959



COMPANIES REGISTERED

233 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £12,912,201 and 91 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 256 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £30,273,601 and 100 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Twelve Months ended JUNE					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	67	132,805	43,581	63	148,712	59,850
Deeds of Assignment (a)	62	280,659	275,811	31	126,151	142,945
Deeds of Arrangement	3	15,681	10,738	1	1,223	274

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

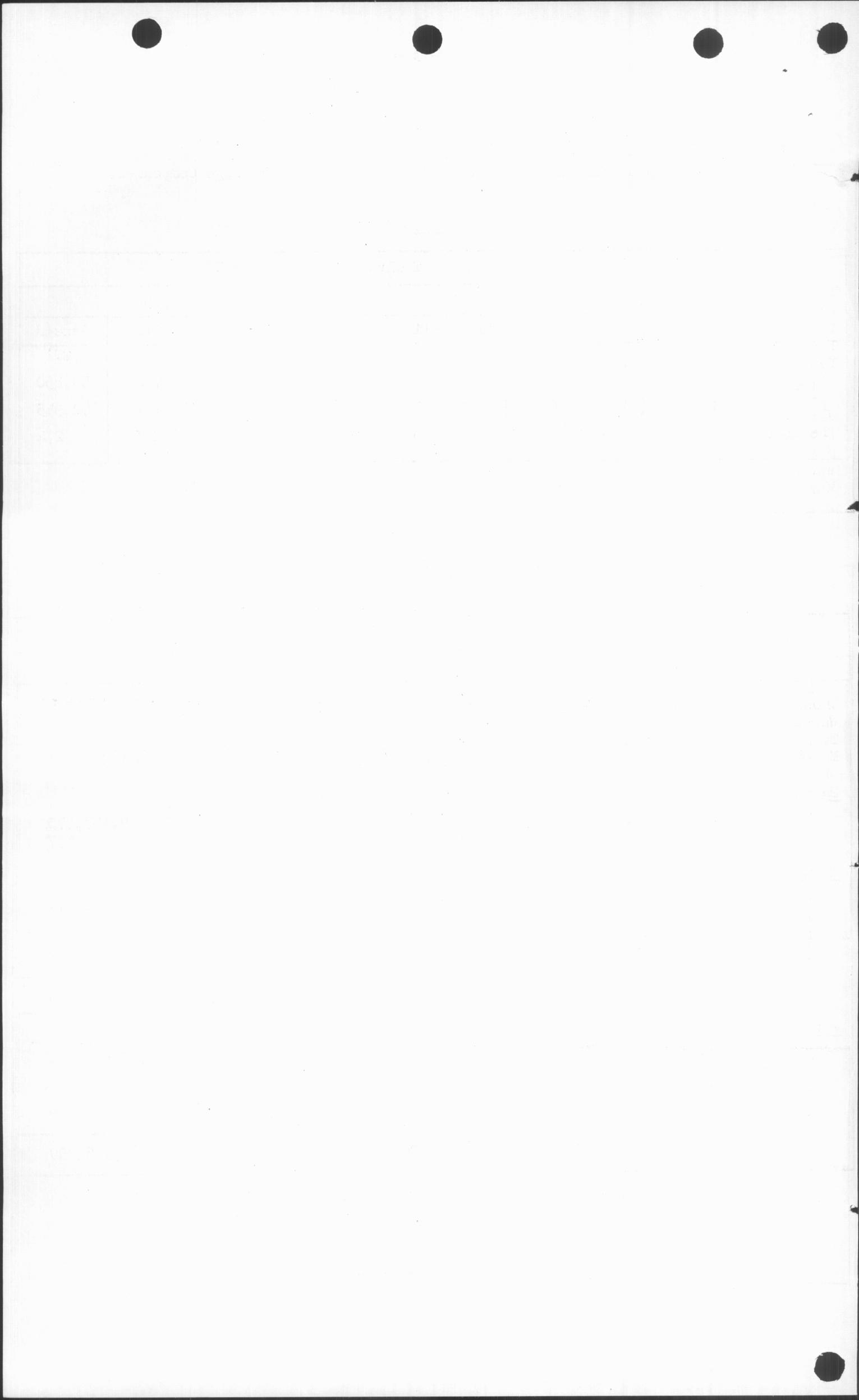
Item	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a) £.	1,322,500	1,128,200	12,041,700	11,454,400
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,383,333	1,185,868	13,738,722	12,443,057
Train Miles Run No.	769,624	688,759	7,547,463	7,091,643
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 107,429	(b) 136,279	(c) 1,238,622	(c) 1,371,881
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train No.	1,377,188	1,162,088	11,362,059	9,197,573
Motor Bus No.	30,349	32,263	288,274	326,137
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods	437,381	322,740	3,312,633	3,027,871
Livestock	9,024	9,080	127,446	118,091
Departmental (Free Freight)	56,442	70,110	683,073	821,983
<u>Total:</u>	502,847	401,930	4,123,152	3,967,945
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods	63,360,705	51,028,758	541,446,518	497,338,794
Livestock	1,045,608	1,309,049	16,508,606	15,683,136
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,379,929	7,864,835	75,945,768	101,406,169
<u>Total:</u>	70,786,242	60,202,642	633,900,892	614,928,099

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 28th April.

(c) Period ended 28th April.

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

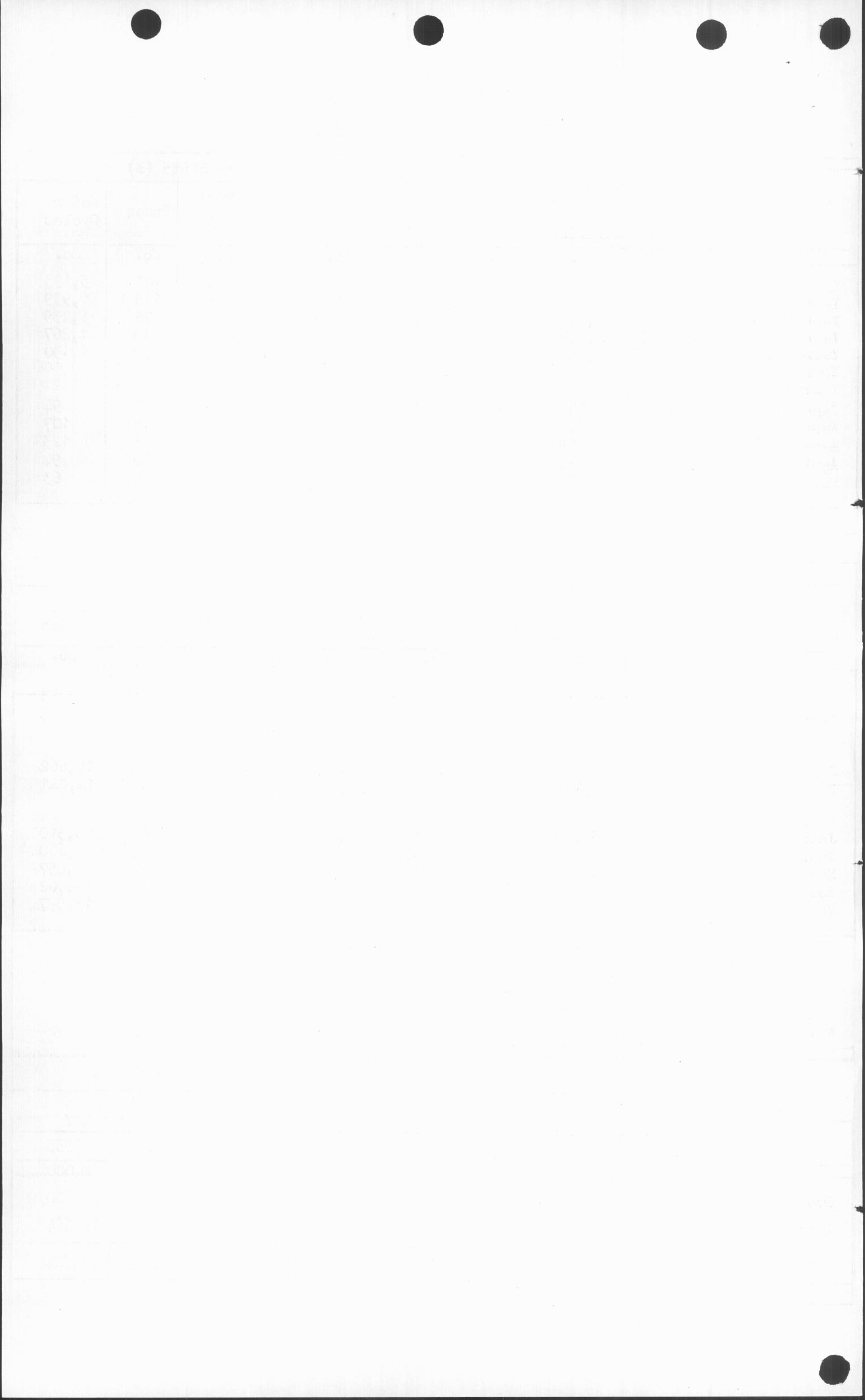
Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1954 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services,

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,643	4,705	42,201	46,101	10,121	5,969	73,100	66,660
Total:	9,197	6,788	77,742	82,753	1,852	1,452	30,485	19,664
	12,840	11,493	119,943	128,854	11,973	7,421	103,585	86,324



BUILDING ACTIVITY  
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
<u>1956 -</u>										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
<u>1956 -</u>										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<b>GOLD</b>				
Quantity	Fine ozs.	63,570	64,200	414,249
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	993,286	1,003,134	6,472,643
Dividends reported by				
Gold Mining Companies	£.	195,000	195,000	980,323
				905,211

\* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3000	2905	2921	2843	2646	2569	2596	2524
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3142	3063	3094	2983	2543	2497	2520	2457
Northam	3022	2967	2950	2894	2565	2523	2528	2479
Bunbury	3037	3006	2994	2902	260	2586	2605	2529
Geraldton	3059	2987	3006	2923	2802	2690	2760	2655
Collie	3056	3008	3011	2929	2416	2379	2391	2336

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

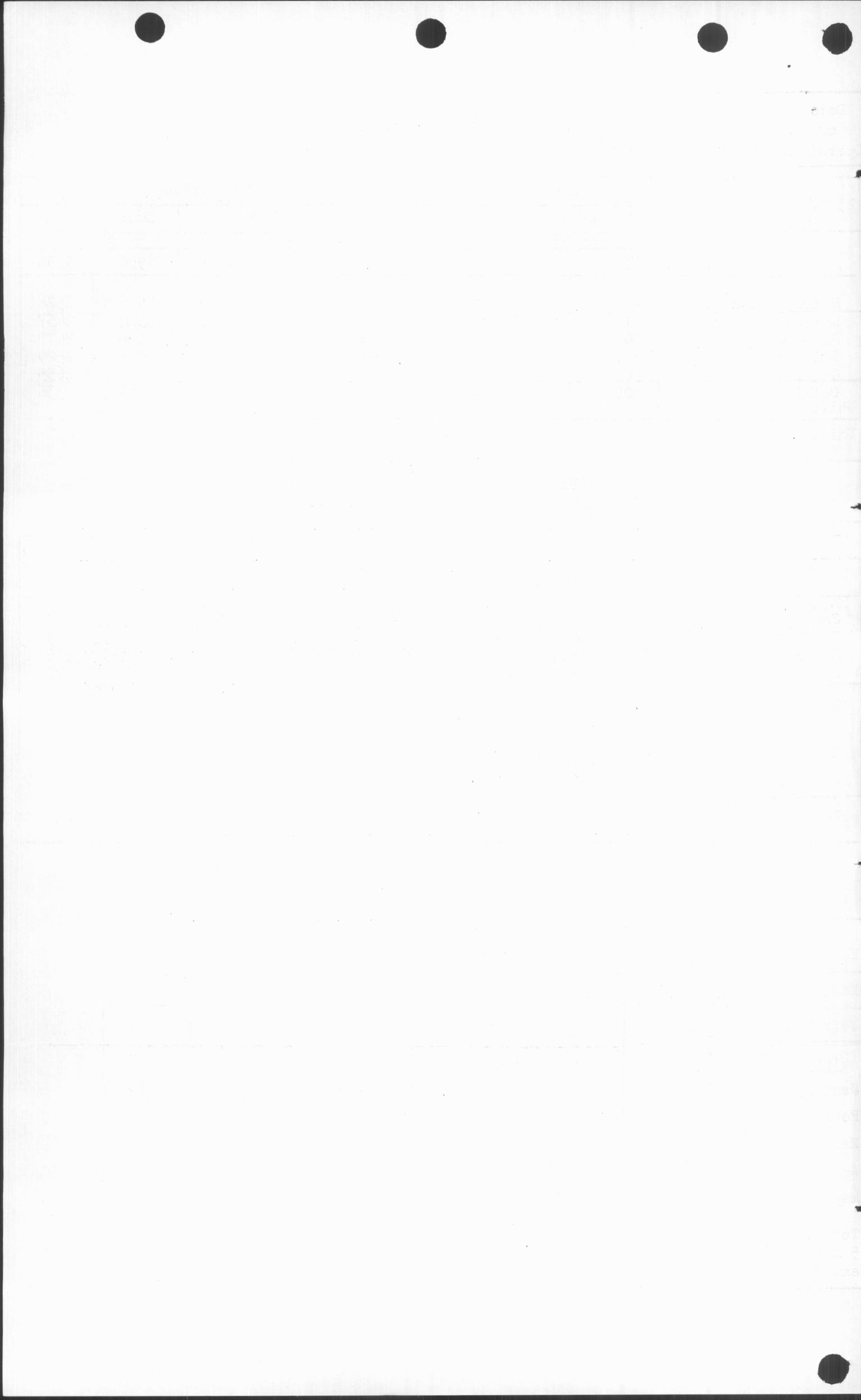
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Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227			
July	135,696	43,901	179,597			
August	135,857	43,758	179,615			
September	136,616	43,913	180,529			
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100) )				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	
July	211	221	230	237	
August	212	221	230	238	
September	211	223	232	240	
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
23/7/56	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	45,203	42,924	517,136	462,394
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	40,774	38,262	465,513	413,606

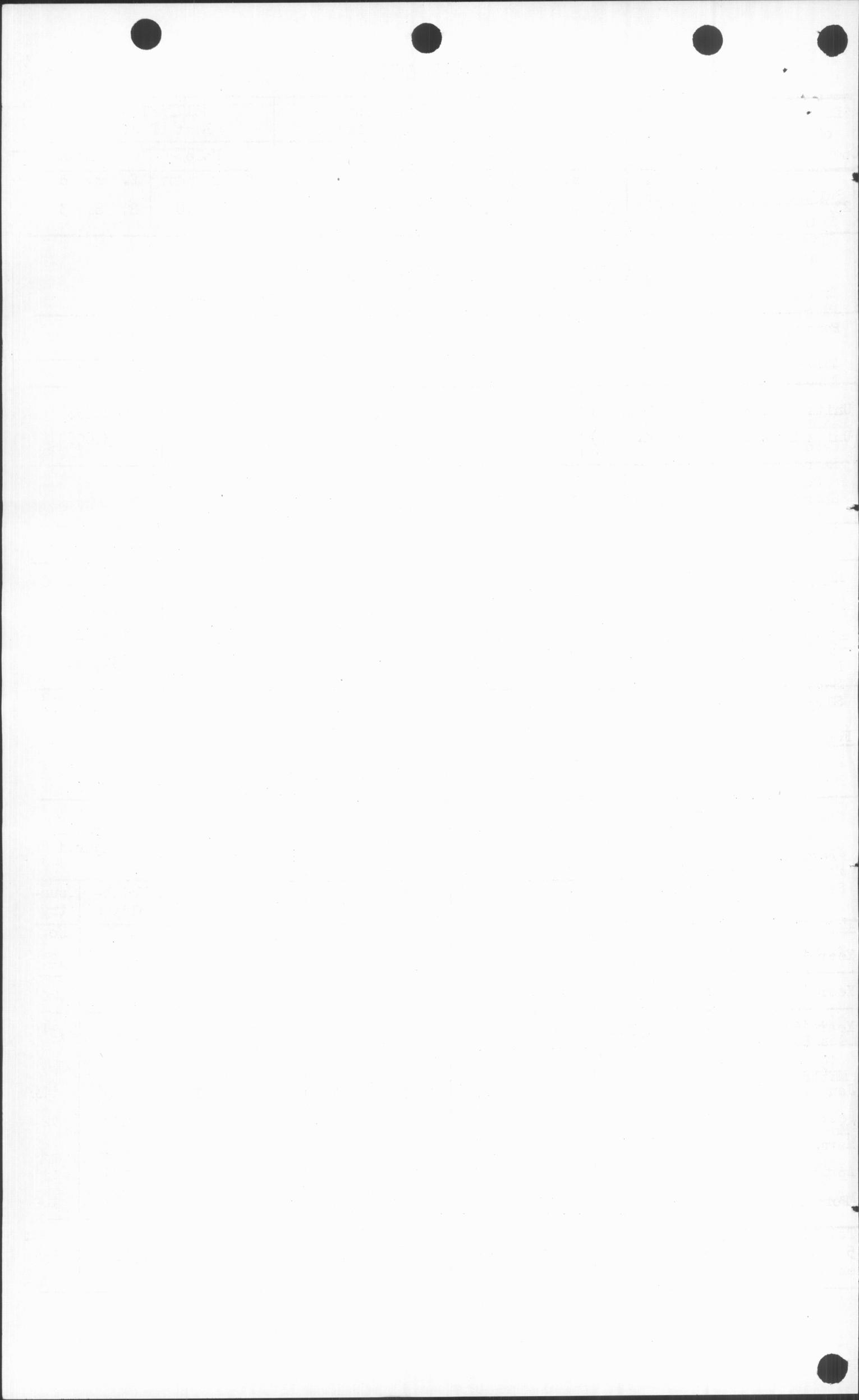
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
May, 1956	15,901	231	68,679	8,090
May, 1955	14,611	212	65,215	14,472
11 Months ended May, 1956	116,810	3,498	1,184,368	133,926
11 Months ended May, 1955	112,007	4,005	1,067,136	151,752

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country	Metro-politan	Country
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
<u>1956 -</u>										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	209	83	696	240	4	9	236	114
May	569	170	176	78	745	248	9	9	217	109
Total, 5 Months ended May	2,360	789	915	378	3,275	1,167	41	39	1,108	556



ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	460	1,051	6,939	9,007
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	162	606	3,519	10,440
- Clay	'000	6,470	9,900	94,898	106,672
Enamels	gal.	13,306	2,911	82,037	39,084
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	117	211	1,952	2,517
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	14,125	14,540	209,364	225,399
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	545	949	7,817	11,082
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 21,124	(a) 21,084	(b) 209,972	(b) 203,966
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,327	1,577	11,090	12,284
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	156	725	4,689	22,762
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	2,860	3,483	41,980	50,234
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	493	244	6,398	7,758
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	187	300	2,616	3,816
- 2 piece	no.	1,383	1,699	20,733	22,247
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,548	4,355	48,055	50,503
- Work	no.	13,314	11,532	128,155	147,150
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	40,653	37,771	376,202	415,767
Sandals	pair	4,535	236	143,857	140,508
Slippers	pair	43,302	31,437	432,182	398,590
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	426	579	7,247	7,428
Butter	'000 lb.	1,286	1,229	16,630	16,005
Cheese	'000 lb.	138	128	1,909	2,427
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	265	329	3,617	3,825
Jams	'000 lb.	76	54	1,228	597
Margarine	'000 lb.	99	128	1,230	1,236
Sauce - Tomato	pint	42,766	51,775	734,402	625,856
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	798	343	6,577	3,975
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	128	129	1,495	1,394
- Nitric	cwt.	56	50	366	240
- Sulphuric	ton	5,327	15,826	170,284	168,660
Cycles, Pedal	no.	290	323	6,902	7,777
Gas Produced	million				
Mattresses - Inner Spring	cu. ft.	135	133	1,472	1,448
- Woven Wire	no.	1,619	1,683	23,010	21,775
- Soft filled	no.	3,963	4,681	31,938	35,293
Motor Vehicle Bodies -	no.	2,987	3,097	41,285	41,751
Truck Trays	no.	47	73	707	1,054
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	18	158	334
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	26	193	258
Perambulators	no.	30	48	613	750

(a) May figures. June not available.

(b) Eleven months ended May.

